

**Garfield Township
Special Board Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2020 7:00pm**

The meeting opened at 7:00pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Byl, Farwell, Irwin, Roland, and Yarhouse and several residents.

Agenda: The meeting agenda for the May 26, 2020 was approved after adding a 5th item for the John Deere Tractor by Roland. Motion to approve the agenda made by Roland, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion Carried.

GRAY LAKE: Yarhouse started by stating she had emailed the CPA in February and he said we could, as a township, advance money to Gray Lake as long as it is repaid in 12 months. Farwell had emailed the CPA with the current window for treating the lake on June 21-22, 2020, with the invoice then being received in July. No problem with the 12 month time frame. Steve Erickson from Gray Lake said the first treatment is the most critical. Roland asked if the Tax Tribunal might stop the township from advancing funds. CPA stated to do it only once. Lake committee had already spent \$1,625 for water quality tests and a permit. A motion to approve a \$3,000 advance to the Gray Lake milfoil treatment was made by Farwell, supported by Irwin. Roll Call Vote: Farwell-yes; Irwin-yes; Roland-yes; Byl-yes and Yarhouse-Yes. Motion carried.

COLD SPRINGS: Byl reported that the Road Commission is constructing a road end with gravel and a guardrail. That's it. No steps will be placed because of liability. The drain through the property has always been there but erosion is causing more problems.

PUBLIC COMMENT JOE STRAGEA-Haven't heard anything addresses about the 8' encroachment at Cols Springs.

KEITH KEELER Access to the Park will resolve issues. Maybe the Friends Group can do something.

GAY MESSIER No steps? Need access to the park and everyone knows there were steps. Makes it accessible in a safe way. The township is liable if someone gets hurt.

BRENDA KEELER Has the park been surveyed? Joe is not a surveyor. It has been assumed that the property line is correct.

Board discussion: Roland wants the board to visit the park and have the property line pointed out. It should be surveyed. Farwell stated just get it surveyed. Yarhouse made the motion to get a survey, supported by Roland. All ayes, Motion carried.

JOHN DEERE: Roland distributed a motion to have dated filled for selling the John Deere with sealed bids. Farwell stated there are no rules that states the township sell an item with sealed bids and selling ebay reaches a much broader audience. Roland says there are no rules. Yarhouse stated the time spend on placing the tractor on ebay was appreciated by why not do sealed bids also, and revisit the price? Byl will redo the ebay sale article and email it and the Cold Springs letter to get the board approval for what is stated.

Adjourn Motion to adjourn made by Farwell, supported by Irwin. Motion carried